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Military Installations

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1. Installations in the Military zone of Ruse are as follows:

- a. An old Navy barracks about 100 x 50 meters (See Number 2 on sketch).
- b. Ferry boat installations, allegedly constructed in Holland (See Number 3 on sketch).
- c. The quay where usually 8 to 10 old submarine chasers of the Danube River fleet normally moored (See Number 4 on sketch).
- d. Two cold storage warehouses where merchandise in transit is stored. Each warehouse is about 60 x 15 meters (See Number 5 on sketch).
- e. The shipyard for repairs of river boats (See Number 6 on sketch), which will be replaced shortly by a new shipyard to be constructed in the area shown as Number 7 on sketch.

2. Barracks for unidentified cavalry and artillery units is located in the vicinity of the Voenna Rampa (military loading platform), situated in the area shown as Number 8 on the sketch. The Voenna Rampa is about 100 meters long.

3. The Ruse Training Battalion (See Number 1 on sketch) trains personnel for depot and warehouse guards, and military personnel employed in the transportation of foodstuffs, etc for the Signal Corps and for barracks service in general. The Training Battalion is commanded by an unidentified major. The barracks of this battalion are located on the southern bank of the Danube in the vicinity of the civilian hospital and include the following installations:

- a. Dormitories which consist of a two story building about 80 to 100 x 30 meters. An infirmary is located in a wing of the building.
- b. A sentry box.

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- c. A one-story building approximately 40 x 30 meters, which serves as a kitchen and baths. The latter are also used by the civilian population of Ruse.
- d. A mess hall, which is a two-story building about 40x 15 meters with a twin sloped tile roof.
- e. A munitions storeroom, which is a semi-underground building about 12 x 12 meters with twin sloped tile roof.
- f. Stables.
- g. A military dispensary and infirmary, which is a two-story building about 30 meters long.
- h. A swimming pool located outside of the barracks area.

The barracks area is guarded by two sentries, one is located at the main entrance and the other near the munitions depot. The entire area is surrounded on two sides by a wall and on two sides by barbed wire.

Industrial Installations

- 4. The "Durzhavno Industrialno Predpriyatie Vulko Chervenkov" (The "Vulko Chervenkov" State Industrial Enterprise) is located on the southern banks of the Danube about 400 meters west of the delta of the Lom (See Number 12 on sketch). The buildings cover an area of approximately 200 x 180 meters and are in the process of being expanded.
- 5. The plant is directed by Nikola Kostev. Technical engineers at the plant are Penyu Dakov and Minyu Khadzhiminev. Khadzhiminev studied in Rumania and will leave shortly to teach at a technical school. The plant employs 450 workers and 150 office employees in three shifts. The monthly rate of pay is as follows:
 - a. A newly graduated engineer receives 880 leva gross or 711 net income.
 - b. Workers receive between 800 to 1,000 leva depending upon the norm they fulfill.
- 6. The factory produces 9 to 10 quintals of nails per shift for domestic consumption; special acids, which are treated in certain ovens, are sent to Zavod 12 in Sofia; cogwheels, which are used by the thermo-electric power stations to crush coal; red lead; and other miscellaneous metals.
- 7. A section of the factory uses stoves that utilize the Achbar system. The activities of this section are not known The plant has two to three ZIS and Molotov trucks and is guarded by two armed members of the Industrial Militia (Vutreshni Voyski).
- 8. Ten metal petroleum tanks connected by underground conduits running underneath the Danube and connecting with the Rumanian shore are located on the southern bank of the Danube on the northeastern part of Ruse (See Number 13 on sketch). Each tank is approximately 10 meters in diameter and 20 meters in height.
- 9. The "Georgi Dimitrov" Agricultural Machinery Factory is located in the southern part of the city in the vicinity of the new railroad station (See Number 14 on sketch). This is one of the largest installations in the Ruse area and covers an area of approximately 700 x 700 meters. The area is not sufficient to hold finished products and many machines prior to being loaded for shipment are parked in the open. The factory produces ploughshares for tractors, agricultural machinery (sewing machines, threshing machines) etc.
- 10. The Woolen Textiles Combine known as "Dunavska Koprina" is located south of the Danube and on the left side of the Lom River (See Number 15 on sketch). It covers an area of approximately 150 x 80 meters and employs 350 female workers in two shifts. The mill produces woolen articles, of which some are exported.
- 11. The Hosiery Plant (Trikotazhen Zavod) is located east of the Woolen Textiles Combine (See Number 16 on sketch). The plant is a three-story building covering an area of approximately 80 x 80 meters and employs about 200 workers in two shifts. It produces socks, shorts, straw hats, etc.

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12. Other installations in Ruse are (the numbers refer to the sketch):

17. Factory producing chemical products such as acids, shoe polish, etc.
18. Jute Factory. This is the first structure one encounters on entering Ruse; it has a jagged roof.
19. Repair shop for automobiles and tractors which is under construction.
20. "Dunaviya Kombinat" produces marmalades and preserves.
21. Oil Factory.
22. Furniture Factory.
23. Factory producing military telephone wires, spiral springs, baby carriages, etc. This factory is subordinate to the "Vulko Chervenkov" Plant.
24. River port.
25. "Gara Vlagalishte" railroad stop. It consists of a shed and a loading platform approximately 70 meters long.
26. Port for passengers and depot (old structures).
27. Main station of the river port known as "Gara Pristanishte". It is a single structure approximately 8 to 10 meters high with a front facing the river and about 50 to 60 meters in length.
28. Old railroad station now used as a sailing club.
29. Municipal slaughter house.
30. "Dimitur Blagoev" Sugar Factory connected by cable car with the banks of the Danube.
31. Area used as a depot and for repairs of locomotives and railroad cars.
32. The "Vela Piskova" Textile Combine.
33. Old delta of the Lom River, later dried up to build the adjacent dike.
34. Ferry boat mooring.
35. Artificial dike along which run mobile cranes on tracks and connect with the railroad line to Sofia (See Number 36 on sketch).

13. An "iron" railroad bridge is located southwest of the city of Ruse, on the Ruse-Sofia single-track railroad line (See Number 9 on sketch). The bridge is about 50 to 70 meters long and wide enough for a single railroad track. It is constructed above the road, which parallels the course of the Lom River, and has a single arch. The bridge is about 20 meters above the river bed.

14. Under construction in Ruse is a concrete viaduct which will serve the highway in the vicinity of the new railroad station. It will connect with the Ruse-Giurgiu Bridge. The viaduct is about 100 meters long and eight to nine meters wide, the highest point is about 35 meters above the ground. It has six to seven arches (See Number 10 on sketch).

15. The new railroad station at Ruse was to be inaugurated on 7 November 1955. It is reported to be the largest station in the Balkans. It is located south of the city of Ruse and north of the railroad line that runs toward the new Ruse-Giurgiu Bridge (See Number 11 on sketch).

16. The Ruse Thermo-electric Power Station has steam turbines and a large reinforced chimney. It is located in the vicinity of the southern bank of the Danube (See Number 37 on sketch).

17. The Thermo-electric Power Station (See Number 38 on sketch) for railroad installations in Ruse is of English manufacture and has two turbines mounted on bales. It is located on the southern bank of the Danube in the vicinity of the fuel tanks. This is a single building covering an area about 150 x 100 meters. It produces 5,000 kilowatts of power at 220 volts.

18. Attached is a sketch of Ruse with a legend of the installations described in this report.

1. Comment. It is believed that the mill is a silk or hemp mill. No woolen mill is known by this name.

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1. Barracks of an unidentified training battalion -(Military Area includes numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6)
2. Old Naval barracks
3. Ferry-boat installation
4. Quay for subchasers
5. Cold Storage Plants
6. Shipyard for repairs
7. Area where the new shipyard will be constructed
8. Barracks of unidentified cavalry units; loading platform
9. Railway bridge crossing the Lom River
10. Viaduct under construction
11. New railway station
12. "Vulko Chervenkov" Factory
13. Metal Fuel tanks
14. "Georgi Dimitrov" Agricultural Machinery Factory
15. Woolen Textiles Factory
16. Clothing Factory
17. Chemical Products Factory
18. Jute Factory
19. Workshop under construction for the repair of automobiles and tractors
20. "Dunav^ya" Factory for fruit preserves and marmelades
21. Oil Factory
22. Furniture Factory
23. Factory producing springs, telephone wire, etc.
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26. Passenger port and depot
27. "Gara Pre^hstani^hate" river port station

28. Old river station
29. Municipal slaughter house
30. "Dimitur Blagoev" Sugar refinery
- 30bis Cable cars
31. Depot and locomotive repair shop
32. "Vela Piskova" Textile ^{Gumline} Factory
33. Old mouth of the River Lom
34. ~~Rika~~ Port for docking the ferry-boat
35. Dike
36. Railway line to Sofia
37. Ruse thermoelectric power station
38. Thermoelectric power station for railway installations
39. City limits.

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